CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus for efficiently performing parallel processing of high-speed single-bit samples comprising:

a single-bit sampler for converting an analog signal into serial single-bit samples;

a serial-to-parallel converter for converting the single-bit samples from the single-bit sampler into parallel single-bit samples; and

a digital quadrature mix for performing real-to-complex conversion, filtering, and decimation-by-two of the parallel single-bit samples from the serial-to-parallel converter and for providing parallel in-phase (I) and quadrature (Q) output values.

2. The apparatus for efficiently performing parallel processing of high-speed single-bit samples of claim 1 wherein said digital quadrature mix performs an Fs/4 mix wherein Fs is the sample rate.

3. The apparatus for efficiently performing parallel processing of high-speed single-bit samples of claim 2 wherein said digital quadrature mix comprises logic operations that route and invert the parallel single-bit samples resulting in the parallel I and Q single-bit output values.

4. The apparatus for efficiently performing parallel processing of high-speed single-bit samples of claim 1 further comprising a filter and decimate stage to filter and decimate the parallel I and Q single-bit output values.

5. The apparatus for efficiently performing parallel processing of high-speed single-bit samples of claim 4 wherein said filter and decimate stage comprises a boxcar decimation filter comprising a plurality of filter and decimate functions.

6. The apparatus for efficiently performing parallel processing of high-speed single-bit samples of claim 5 wherein each of said plurality of filter and decimate functions comprise:

a NOR gate having two inputs connected to outputs of said digital quadrature mix; and

an exclusive NOR gate having two inputs connected to the two inputs of the NOR gate.

7. A method for efficiently performing parallel processing of high-speed single-bit samples comprising the steps of:

converting an analog signal into serial single-bit samples with a single-bit sampler;

converting the single-bit samples from the single-bit sampler into parallel single-bit samples with a serial-to-parallel converter; and

performing a real-to-complex conversion of the parallel single-bit samples from the serial-to-parallel converter in a digital quadrature mix;

filtering and decimating the parallel single-bit samples from the serial-to-parallel converter in the digital quadrature mix; and

providing parallel in-phase (I) and quadrature (Q) output values from the digital quadrature mix.

8. The method for efficiently performing parallel processing of high-speed single-bit samples of claim 7 wherein the step of performing the real-to-complex conversions further comprises the step of performing an Fs/4 mix wherein Fs is the sample rate.

9. The method for efficiently performing parallel processing of high-speed single-bit samples of claim 8 wherein the step of providing in-phase and quadrature output values further comprises routing and inverting the parallel single-bit samples with logic operations within said digital quadrature mix.

10. The method for efficiently performing parallel processing of high-speed single-bit samples of claim 9 further comprising the steps of filtering and decimating the parallel I and Q single-bit output values in a filter and decimate stage.

11. The method for efficiently performing parallel processing of high-speed single-bit samples of claim 10 wherein the step of filtering and decimating the parallel I and Q single-bit output values is performed by a boxcar decimation filter comprising a plurality of filter and decimate functions.

12. Apparatus for efficient parallel processing for use with a single-bit sampler that provides single-bit samples at a high sample rate comprising:

a serial-to-parallel converter for converting the single-bit samples into parallel single-bit samples; and

a digital quadrature mix for performing an Fs/4 frequency shift to the parallel single-bit samples and simultaneously performing real-to-complex conversion of the parallel single-bit samples from the serial-to-parallel converter to provide parallel in-phase (I) and quadrature (Q) output values at an Fs/4 intermediate frequency (IF).

13. The apparatus for efficient parallel processing for use with a single-bit sampler that provides single-bit samples at a high sample rate of claim 12 wherein the serial-to-parallel converter comprises shift register stages that provide a memory for use in functional realization of a boxcar filter and decimation stage in the digital quadrature mix.

14. The apparatus for efficient parallel processing for use with a single-bit sampler that provides single-bit samples at a high sample rate of claim 12 wherein said digital quadrature mix comprises logic operations that route and invert the parallel single-bit samples resulting in the parallel I and Q single-bit output values.

15. The apparatus for efficient parallel processing for use with a single-bit sampler that provides single-bit samples at a high sample rate of claim 12 further comprising a filter and decimate stage to filter and decimate the parallel I and Q single-bit output values.

16. The apparatus for efficient parallel processing for use with a single-bit sampler that provides single-bit samples at a high sample rate of claim 15 wherein said filter and decimate stage comprises a boxcar decimation filter comprising a plurality of filter and decimate functions.

17. The apparatus for efficient parallel processing for use with a single-bit sampler that provides single-bit samples at a high sample rate of claim 16 wherein each of said plurality of filter and decimate functions decimate-by-two and comprise:

a NOR gate having two inputs connected to outputs of said digital quadrature mix; and

an exclusive NOR gate having two inputs connected to the two inputs of the NOR gate.

18. The apparatus for efficient parallel processing for use with a single-bit sampler that provides single-bit samples at a high sample rate of claim 16 wherein each of said plurality of filter and decimate functions decimate-by-four and comprise logic cells that form a two's complement three-bit output from four input bits.

19. The apparatus for efficient parallel processing for use with a single-bit sampler that provides single-bit samples at a high sample rate of claim 16 wherein each of said plurality of filter and decimate functions decimate-by-eight and comprise two decimate-by-four functions with the outputs of said decimate-by-four functions combined in a three-in four-out adder.